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11. ESTOFF delivered ref Avian Flu demarche and nonpaper to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Agro Industry, and Health. In one follow-up conversation, Acting Permanent Secretary V. Gondeea of the Ministry of Agro Industry confirmed that an invitation to the Avian Flu Conference has been received through diplomatic channels. However, due to a cabinet shuffle in Mauritius the past few days, Mr. Gondeea could not confirm if Mauritius would be in attendance at Sharm al-Sheikh.

12. Mr. Gondeea also pointed out that Satish Faugoo, the current Minister of Agro Industry who until the recent shuffle was the Minister of Health, attended the 2007 conference in New Delhi. Post will follow up with all three ministries to confirm participation by Mauritius and report via septel.

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